

HIV and Hepatitis Community Planning Group

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2019

HIV & HEPATITIS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEMBERS					
		x=in attendance	p=proxy	a = absent	
Julie Baker	p	Daniel Hoffman-Zinnel	x	Carter Smith	x
Donald Baxter	x	Steven Kleppe	a	Samantha Smith	a
Sue Boley	x	Douglas LaBrecque	a	Conner Spinks	x
Colleen Bornmueller	x	Roger Lacoey	x	Roma Taylor	x
Megan Campbell	x	Biz McChesney	x	Pamela Terrill	x
Tim Campbell	x	Jeffery Moore	x	Mark Turnage	a
Kathryn Edel	a	Sara Peterson	a	Kathy Weiss	x
Linnea Fletcher	a	Marty Reichert	a	Samantha Willey	x
Greg Gross	x	Claudia Robinson	x	Corey Young	x
Holly Hanson	x	Sarah Ziegenhorn	x	Earthleen Canady	x
LeeVon Harris	x	Jordan Selha	x		
Tami Haught	x	Michelle Sexton	x		
<i>Iowa Department of Public Health:</i> Randy Mayer, Lexie Hach, Nicky Stansell, Ariel Langtimm, Katie Herting, Cody Shafer, Casey Ward					
<i>Guest(s):</i> John Carstensen (PITCH), Noah Beacom (PHC), Jodi Sowden (PHC), Nathan Simpson (PHC), Keith Earl (PITCH), Mary Kneaster (Gilead Sciences), Taylor Watson (AIDS Healthcare Foundation), Kurt Burke (Proxy for Julie Baker), Theresa Schall (PHC), David Lauritzen, Olivia Samples					

Call to Order

Roma Taylor and Biz McChesney called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

Roll Call

Roma Taylor facilitated roll call.

Ground Rules and Agenda Review

Roma Taylor reviewed the group agreements for the meeting. Biz McChesney noted that some of the meetings foundational resource documents have been excluded from the members packets and are available at the back table, as needed.

Purpose of today's meeting will focus on 'planning for the planning process,' including an update on where we are now with the 'state of the state' presentation and identifying focus areas/domains to structure the planning process.

Approval of September Minutes

Biz McChesney noted that September minutes were not reviewed and approved internally by the department and will not be available at this time for approval.

Review of September Check-outs

Roma Taylor reviewed the check-outs from the September meeting (14 total)

- Everyone likes the new checkout format, which is digital.
- Attendees indicated that the meeting was informative and inclusive, that they enjoyed the small group activities, and felt the presentations were useful.

Updates and Unfinished Business

Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Updates

Randy Mayer

Staffing updates for the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis were provided, including:

- Roxana Ferreyro was hired as a second benefits specialist in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) office.
- Samoane Don was hired as an epidemiologist in the HIV Surveillance Office.
- The HIV Prevention Evaluation Coordinator position is currently vacant.
- The STD Data Coordinator position is currently vacant.

There are several vacancies in the HIV Special Projects Division. Currently, the focus is to fill the position of HIV Special Projects Manager before any other vacancies in that office can be filled. Interviews for this position will take place next week. The next priority position within the HIV Special Projects Division is the Drug User Health Coordinator position because this position is almost fully funded by federal grants managed by the Bureau of Substance Abuse.

No other positions will be filled until the budget reduction is understood and mitigated by the bureau management team.

The Ryan White Part B Program submitted an application for the ADAP Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) and applied for a maximum level of \$10 million. The hope is that these funds will help to supplement funding that was lost from the Ryan White Part B Supplemental grant award this year.

Randy and Amy McCoy, IDPH Legislative Liaison, continue to work with the stakeholder group established to attend the National Governors Association learning lab on substance use and infectious diseases in Albuquerque, NM, last July. It is unknown at this time if any legislation authorizing syringe services programs will be introduced in the current legislative year. Randy will be sharing data via webinar tomorrow with the stakeholder team. Randy reported that the legislators who attended the meeting in NM said that they believed that the IDPH should take the lead on any SSP efforts. When the IDPH met with the Governor's office to identify priorities for this legislative session, SSPs were not identified.

New Business

Stop HIV Iowa Planning Update

Randy Mayer

A steering committee has been planning for the Stop HIV Iowa planning process. In the past, the planning process has always started with asking the questions: Where are we now, where do we want to be, and how are we going to get there? This process was mostly brainstorming with key stakeholders and community members at in-person meetings. However, this model doesn't allow for inclusive participation from people who may have to work or who are not chosen by their organizations to participate.. Therefore, a new approach is needed to receive more input and build on past planning processes.

Randy reviewed the proposed process for planning ([reference PowerPoint for details](#)).

The goal for today is to spend time identifying the "focus areas" that need to be specified during the planning process. Anticipated start date for planning will be March or April, 2020.

Randy reviewed the State of the State ([reference PowerPoint for details](#))

- Biz McChesney noted that the group needs to think about what the “focus areas” are as Randy reviews the data.
- Conner Spinks asked if the increase in new HIV diagnoses among women was among foreign born women or domestic born women? Randy did not include that slide in this presentation but indicated that the IDPH has that information and will make it available for review. (Follow up - the increases in diagnoses among women from 2017 to 2018 were among US and foreign-born women. Diagnoses increased 16% among US-born women (from 19 to 22) and 80% among foreign-born women (from 5 to 9)).
- Greg Gross asked if there were data available to look at the intersectionality of populations for considerations during the planning process. Randy indicated that data needs will be identified during discussion and that Focus Area co-chairs will be able to request needed data.
- Greg Gross recommended the inclusion of the population size (n) on all slides to accompany percentages.
- Noah Beacom (guest) asked if there are any provisions in place for same-day starts for HIV-medications - Randy asked folks to jot those types of ideas down for the discussion portion of the day.
- Roger Lacey asked if the IDPH has considered better tracking mechanisms for retention in care aside from a blood draw. Randy cautioned that additional data collection could be problematic based on previous discussions about the collection of data by IDPH. Holly Hanson added that there are several different options to measure retention in care, some that are required by federal funders, and some that are defined by physicians.

Biz McChesney gave an update on PrEP, condom distribution and HIV testing ([reference presentation](#))

- Roger Lacey asked if the individual condom ordering option was still available online? It was explained that the individual ordering option has been and will continue to be on hold due to the labor-intensive nature of the program.

Holly Hanson gave an update on Ryan White Part B Services ([reference presentation](#))

- Daniel Hoffman-Zinnel asked if there was any documentation about migrant status within case management. Carter Smith noted that this happens in his work setting often and reviewed how these situations are handled by his agency.
- Carter Smith noted that his agency has benefited from targeted and tailored approaches with clients to focus on viral suppression.

- Greg Gross asked for data related to disproportionately impacted populations. Randy indicated that data needs will be identified during discussion and that Focus Area co-chairs will be able to request needed data.

Randy Mayer gave an update on viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections ([reference presentation](#))

- Conner Spinks asked if there is any delineation around extragenital vs. urine tests for GC/CT among priority populations - and those who acquired HIV. Randy indicated that more three-site screening is occurring across the state. Colleen Bornmueller noted that within Community Based Screening Services (CBSS) they can tell which site was positive and indicated that there is a pending student project to explore these data.

Small Group Activity

Biz McChesney asked members to think about the most critical areas of focus/improvement to stop HIV in Iowa.

Jordan Selha provided some context on how “focus areas” had been identified in previous planning processes. This included having used the continuum and the national HIV plan goals.

Holly Hanson instructed members to break into groups of 3-4 people to brainstorm the most critical areas of focus/improvement (Focus Areas). People were asked to draft 7-10 ideas, write one idea per sheet, use 3-7 words to describe each idea, and write large.

Holly Hanson asked groups to decide which three of their group ideas were the most clear and to place them up on the sticky board. Below is a list of all ideas posted on the sticky board:

- Provider presentations around PrEP
- Social Media
- Treatment as Prevention
- Mental Health - increased access
- Collaboration
- Area Service Knowledge
- Pay for testing
- Pay for treatment engagement
- Legal SSPs
- Allow for secondary distribution
- Non-traditional testing sites
- Representative Staff
- Promoting Education

- Barriers to retention in services
- Social determinants of health
- Self collection swabs
- Nurse led PrEP
- ART Rapid Start
- STI Focus
- Address Stigma
- History education on HIV

Holly Hanson, Katie Herting, and Jordan Selha organized focus area ideas into overarching idea categories:

- Primary Prevention
- PrEP
- Diagnosing PLWH
- Addressing STIs
- Care for PLWH
- Workforce
- Health Equity
- Social Determinants of Health
- Behavioral Health (i.e. Mental Health/Substance Use)
- Cross Cutting - social media, incentives, engaging those hard to reach populations

Holly Hanson stated one common category that wasn't seen in the focus area ideas was HCV. Holly asked the group if they were okay adding this to the focus area ideas, the group agreed.

- HCV

Conner Spinks stated she believes SSP should be added to cross cutting, because they help address varying conditions - HIV, HCV, STI testing.

Pamela Terrill stated she believes social determinants of health should be added under cross cutting. Holly Hanson responded and stated she was unsure about adding 'Cross Cutting' as a general category because she thought too many of the focus area ideas could have fallen under this category.

Noah Beacom (guest) suggested adding 'Access' and 'Disproportionately Impacted Populations' as categories in order to remove the 'Cross Cutting' category.

Holly asked that each group take their remaining focus area ideas and put them under the categories they feel they best fit under.

- Ideas that were added: Mobile clinics, broad communication around U=U, three-site (including extragenital) testing for CT/GC, opt-out testing, testing the majority, increase access to confidential testing, health literacy, increasing Part B referrals, affordable healthcare, health worker education and support, cultural competency for case managers, ensuring bilingual staff, community liaisons, culturally appropriate services, language line access, address racism, social determinant screening, engaging organizations that serve immigrant populations.

The large group de-briefed the focus area activity and discussed the next activity about information gathering:

Biz McChesney reminded the group that the first step in the planning process is to brainstorm the “Focus Areas.” Biz explained that the strategies identified today will come up again throughout the planning process next year. Once focus areas are identified, the co-chairs will create a plan to gather information for that specific focus area. Biz requested that for the next 60 - 90 minutes, group members discuss the identified Focus Areas.

- Three questions were displayed for group members to answer regarding the identified Focus Areas (reference presentation)
- Jordan Selha asked if this information would be given to the future co-chairs
 - Biz McChesney responded and stated the information would be given to future co-chairs, along with data specific to the individual focus areas.
- Biz McChesney explained that each table in the back of the room is now an individual Focus Area and provided instructions for how to move around from table to table (reference presentation).
- Holly Hanson stated this activity will help with the next stage of the planning process which will take 6-9 months once planning starts.
- Biz McChesney asked the group if they want a ‘Cross Cutting’ category table, the group agreed they do.

Biz McChesney had everyone re-convene as a group. Biz stated that all the ideas written on the tablecloths will be organized and then shared with the co-chairs of the Focus Areas.

Additionally, the Steering Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to debrief today’s activities. Biz encouraged group members to reach out with further focus area ideas or resources to help move to the next phase of the planning process.

Biz provided additional information related to planning and next steps:

- Provided next steps and future communications because CPG will not be meeting during the planning year (reference presentation).

- Will work on mechanisms to engage CPG members throughout the planning process, possibly after the information gathering process or a couple of months into the information-gathering process.
- Encouraged CPG members to provide ideas or feedback on the online checkout on how to engage members and communities during the planning process.
- Holly Hanson expressed that she saw good collaboration throughout the tablecloth activity and believes it should be an activity that is used again when it comes to feedback and idea gathering.

Related Work Group Reports

Quality Management

- Katie Herting (IDPH staff) shared an update on the Consumer Needs Assessment (CNA) for PLWH. The CNA has had 523 respondents as of today. We met the 500-person goal, but we are now aiming for 600 respondents by next Monday. The Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) has had 181 respondents as of today. Outreach for PNA has been mainly through contracted agencies, but we are now doing public outreach through posters.
 - Roger Lacey asked who the survey is targeted for. Biz responded and stated those not living with HIV or who do not know their statuses, disproportionately impacted populations, and any other prioritized populations.

Disrupting Racism

- LeeVon Harris stated the DR group did not have many updates. Last month, they facilitated training for contracted agencies at the Technical Assistance Meeting titled *Race: the Power of an Illusion*. Carter Smith stated he thought the training was a great introduction training.

Public Relations

- No updates.

National CPG Review Sub-Committee

- Greg Gross - we are looking for volunteers to review documents from various states' planning groups to help evaluate ways to innovate CPG. We need six volunteers, two persons per group, with 15 states per group. The goal is for the group to compile ideas from other states that CPG could implement. Carter, Donald, Greg and Corey are current members. Jeffery Moore agreed to be a member.

Queer Health Committee

- Carter Smith - had first meeting prior to last CPG, no further meetings since. Carter is looking at agencies across the state and the US to see what others are doing regarding Queer Health Promotion. He will start having monthly phone calls to see what can be done to help improve and implement this initiative. If you would like to join the group, email Carter directly at csmith@slandchc.com.

Other Business

Passing of the Gavel - Community Co-Chair

- Colleen Bornumueller officially passed the gavel to Roma Taylor to serve as the Community Co-Chair of the CPG. Colleen thanked CPG for allowing her to be their co-chair.

Checkout Completion

Roma Taylor asked members to complete check-outs that will be sent via an online Google form.

Call to the Public

Roma Taylor asked for the call to the public.

Announcements

- Sarah Ziegenhorn reminded that the legislative session is getting ready to start back up and they will have bi-weekly calls to discuss SSP legislative action, and where attention is needed for days on the hill. Sarah will send out an email with more information.
- Pamela Terrill announced that this will be her last CPG meeting after seven years as a member. Pam stated she believes her spot should go to someone who has more contact with PLWH, communities impacted by HIV, or an individual living with HIV, as her professional role has changed over the years to focus more on sexual assault. The CPG thanked Pam for her time and dedication to the group.
- Biz McChesney mentioned the idea of having a 'Friends of CPG' mailing list to keep previous members updated as well as interested public/partners.
- Roger Lacey mentioned the idea of having past members serve as CPG advisors.
- Tim Campbell - Positive Iowans Taking Charge (PITCH) is doing a pilot program for PLWH, trying to do more of an online support group. Currently doing a survey to measure interest. The pilot will kick-off after the first of the year. If people want more information they can reach out to Tim.

- Tami Haught - PITCH is working with student organizations at U of Iowa for World AIDS Day. Hosting an event at the U of Iowa student union on December 1 from 5-8pm. Has asked all the presidential candidates to submit a 3-minute video.
- Megan Campbell - Primary Health Care is hosting a World AIDS Day event (details on Facebook), December 1 from 1pm-2pm at the Capitol and then 2pm-5pm trivia at The Saddle in Des Moines.
- Sarah Ziegenhorn - Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition (IHRC) is developing a tool (tracker) to show each presidential candidate's history of stance has been regarding issues that affect PLWH and PWID. The tracker will launch on Monday.

Adjourn

- Carter Smith called motion to adjourn - Roger Lacey seconded and all members agreed.